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*GS and Warhawks square off on Sept. 17 in Statesboro*



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### Game #3 - UL Monroe

**Sept. 17 | 6 p.m. | Allen E. Paulson Stadium| Statesboro, GA  
FAMILY WEEKEND/HALL OF FAME/GATA CLUB REUNION**

### General Information

School: University of Louisiana-Monroe

Location: Monroe, LA

Enrollment: 8,854

Founded: 1931

Nickname: Warhawks

Colors: Maroon and Gold

Head Coach: Matt Viator (First Year)

Stadium: Malone Stadium (30,427)  
Conference: Sun Belt  
Athletics Director: Dr. Joel Erdmann  
Athletics Dept. Phone: (318) 342-5360  
Ticket Office Phone: (251) 342-3856  
2015 Record: 2-11(1-7)  
President: Dr. Nick J. Bruno

### **2016 Schedule**

9/3/2016 - vs. Southern  
9/10/2016 - at Oklahoma  
9/17/2016 - at Georgia Southern  
10/1/2016 - at Auburn  
10/8/2016 - vs. Idaho  
10/15/2016 - vs. Texas State  
10/22/2016 - at New Mexico  
10/29/2016 - at Arkansas State  
11/5/2016 - vs. South Alabama  
11/12/2016 - at Georgia State  
11/19/2016 - at Appalachian State  
12/3/2016 - vs. UL Lafayette

### **2015 Results**

9/5/2015 - at Georgia, L 14-51  
9/12/2015 - vs. Nicholls, W 41-0  
9/26/2015 - at Alabama, L 0-34  
10/3/2015 - vs. Georgia Southern, L 31-51  
10/10/2015 - at Tulsa, L 24-34  
10/17/2015 - vs. Appalachian State, L 14-59  
10/24/2015 - at Idaho, L 13-27  
10/31/2015 - at UL Lafayette, L 24-30  
11/7/2015 - at Troy, L 14-51  
11/14/2015 - vs. Arkansas State, L 21-59  
11/19/2015 - at Texas State, L 3-16  
11/28/2015 - at Hawaii, L 26-28  
12/5/2015 - vs. New Mexico State, W 42-35

### **Players Returning**

The Warhawks have 36 letterwinners returning from last season, while also losing 26 letterwinners. New head coach Matt Viator loses only two offensive starters, but will need new faces to step up defensively as he loses eight starters from last season. The Warhawks lose their top three tacklers from last year including leading tackler Hunter Kissinger (133 total tackles). UL Monroe will look to lean on the nine offensive starters returning which includes key players such as last season's leading rusher Ben Lockett (12 GP, 94-509 yds, 5.4 avg, 2 TDs). Sophomore quarterback Garrett Smith will look to build on his freshman campaign (10 GP, 2,033 yds, 17 TDs-11 INTs, 57.4 pct) and will

look toward his two best statistical receivers who both return. Sophomore Marcus Green (12 GP, 63-698 yds, 11.1 avg, 7 TDs) and Senior Ajalen Holley (12 GP, 60-709 yds, 11.8 avg, 6 TDs) paired up to lead the team receiving and look to post even larger numbers in the 2016 season. With only two starters returning on defense, the experience of safety Tre Hunter (55 total tackles, 2 INTs) will be relied upon heavily and he is the best returning defender statistically.

**Series History**

Georgia Southern leads the series 4-2. Last played, GS won 51-31 in Monroe, Louisiana, in 2015. GS is on a two-game winning streak.

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